



# China



"It's a combination of the very old and the new. The culture of China dates back thousands of years, but the people are still trying to embrace modernization," Rhoda Hahn, Daily Nebraskan photographer, said.

A grant from the American Medical Student Association allowed Hahn, a second year medical student, to tour China this summer. During the tour, Hahn said, she studied China's medical system.

"The social atmosphere over there is totally different," Hahn said. "It's like mass everything. The people are totally unified behind one idea—China."

"It's almost the exact opposite in the United States where everyone does their own thing. There everything is done for China."

Another difference between China and the United States is that China is labor oriented while the United States is energy oriented, Hahn said.

Everyone is expected to work in China and although people are not threatened by the government if they do not work, Hahn said family members must support those who do not work.

Hahn said when people do not work it's a heavy burden on the Chinese because they live on about \$30 a month.

"China is a very poor country, but the people are fed, have a roof over their heads and have clothes to wear."

Most of the Chinese live and die in the same neighborhood they are born in, Hahn said. She said she thinks this helps the government keep track of all the people and it also plays a role in peer pressure, which is very prevalent in China.

People who do not work or follow Chinese customs are looked down upon which is much worse than any government sanction, she said.



**Photos By R.K. Hahn**

Photos, (Clockwise from upper left): A young Chinese boy, dressed in a hospital gown emblazoned with American lettering, is held by a nurse.

Two local men lounge on a bench inside an ancient Emperor's summer palace. The palace now belongs to the people by governmental decree.

Two factory workers ride on top of a truck loaded with raw silk just outside a silk factory.

The thousands of bicycles pictured within the building is the Chinese solution to the American parking problem.

A little girl sits on the steps outside her home and picks her feet before putting on her shoes.

The famed Red Guard walk down a city street.